

THE HOME, ITS PROBLEMS AND ITS INTERESTS

To Have Flowers in Wooden Boxes Bulbs Should Be Planted May Be Put Into Ground to Bloom When Frost Leaves Variety Desirable.

Now is the time to plant bulbs in the out of door window boxes for spring blooming.

All the florists have on hand suitable bulbs which, if put in now, will begin to bloom after the frost has left the ground. And apart from that time will the sensitive bulbs put forth their roots.

This being so there is no danger of planting them even while the snow is still with us.

Unless one has had some experience in flower culture it is well to put the work of filling window boxes into the hands of a reliable florist.

The woman who is fond of plants and who has little time to attend to their care will find the small additional cost of employing a florist is sure to pay her in the end. This is equally true of her who, having time, lacks the necessary experience.

They require almost as much care as children, and are unable to withstand continued neglect.

Bloom in Turn.

Several varieties of bulbs may be planted at the same time in as many layers. These will bloom in turn, one kind after another if properly "set."

The experienced floriculturist knows in handling the bulbs which are dead and which are ripe to bloom, and thus the disappointment of their possible failure to grow is in his case avoided.

That is why it is considered by the more woman who is away during most of the day, and who wishes to have an attractive lot of blooms to greet her on her return to her apartment or room, to invest several dollars in the fitting up of a window box than to try to save money by doing it herself.

One dollar to one dollar and a half per foot is asked by the florists as payment for this work. This cost includes the bulbs to be planted in several layers and the proper quality of "earth" in which to plant them. Plants which are already flowering may be bought now in charming variety. The always attractive azalea in its pretty shades from white through pink to red is in full bloom.

The jonquil and hyacinth are also in flower in the hothouses, and begonias of some varieties are in bloom.

The dwarfed Japanese trees are in great demand at present. They may be had in their jardiniere, and are an attractive decoration in any room. Tulips, hyacinths and jonquils are also to be had in the home nurseries, and are most desirable so far as appearance is concerned, they are also difficult to raise.

There are more plants in the home killed by injudicious watering than by any other error of treatment, declares an authority. The cause is usually a lack of skill on the side of mistaken kindness in giving small supplies of water too frequently.

Require Washing.

All plants are not the same in their liking for perpetual heavy moisture or saturation of the soil. A palm or a fern, for instance, if once allowed to become dry at the roots, will never recover its pristine vigor, and there, indeed, lies the whole secret of their successful culture. Some other plants, with very succulent leaves are not by any means so liable to injury through absence of water, but such plants are not of decorative value. Then, again, there are other plants which demand a perpetual apparent excess of water.

All these points the florist attends to, and the woman who leaves the care of her plants to others is sure to have a long time, otherwise to let it pass through quickly.

All plants which are grown for their foliage effect and which are, therefore, to be kept for any considerable time, are not to be planted in the tops as well as at the roots. In the cleanest of houses dust will accumulate, and the leaves, which are the life of the plant, will be choked by the dust. The only remedy is removal of the dust, to the extent of a sponge of clean water, say at least once a week, should be given.

All plants, even great trees, are susceptible of draught; if you would preserve yours, therefore, see that they are not placed in a draughty window, and nothing will so quickly cause their death.

If that is the only place which you have for them, that it is weather stripped and use pieces of heavy cloth between the plant rack or window box and the wall, through which the cold air is liable to blow.

Another evil to avoid is opening the window directly on the plants during this windy weather. After they have been housed in a steam-heated apartment, to subject them to such a risk is to condemn them. They should be moved from the window if it must be opened. This rule applies, of course, only to winter plants. The general temperature of the room should be kept at a comfortable level, and the plants should be kept in a draft-free place.

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Judgment in Watering.

The possessor of some handsome house plants asks the question, "How often should I water my plants?" expecting to be told once or twice a day, or at all events some stated interval.

The only answer one can give is: "As often as necessary." In other words, this means give water so as to keep the pots wet. It is not practicable to lay down a rule that all the plants should be given water at the same time, for each plant has its own particular wants attended to so much depending upon the situation and the general temperature of the apartment in which it is growing.

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FOR CHAPPED HANDS

The Best Remedies Are Acts of Prevention.

It is a fact that some textures of skin chafe more easily than others, but no one is wholly exempt from this bothersome ailment at the present season of the year.

The most important act of prevention is to dry the hands thoroughly. Unless they are dried thoroughly and this is where the trouble is met. People who take all the time necessary for washing the hands will often hurry through the drying. This means that the pores retain the moisture and the cold stiffens it into the skin. The hands should be pressed gently with the towel, not carelessly rubbed, and dried evenly all over the surface.

Another precaution is to see that the hands are entirely gloved before going out of doors. A minute's exposure if the hands are sensitive will result in chapping, yet many people habitually wait until they are outdoors before drawing on their gloves.

If gloves are worn at all they should be worn every day during the winter. It is very easy on a warmer day to catch up with the gloves and throw them into it, unglued, but they are bound to be withdrawn, and the chapped skin follows their exposure.

Excesses of hot and cold water should be avoided in washing the hands. The quality of the soap has something to do with it, too, and the rinsing should remove every trace of soap from the skin.

In the matter of lotions there are a number of selection. If one has nothing else, vaseline may always be used. Glycerine mingled with rose water is an excellent remedy. Various bottles are offered at the druggists and are more or less efficient.

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A LATE SEASON'S MODE.

This smart picture hat is made of black velvet and trimmed with exquisite pink silk and velvet roses. A hat of this sort is just the thing for matinees, afternoon receptions, or even for the theater in the evening.

Woman's Youth and Beauty Depend on Care of Health

Here are some of the secrets of the woman beautiful. The reason why one woman looks young at forty and another looks old at twenty-five can be at last explained.

The woman who regards her face as her fortune knows that to catch a cold means to add disagreeable lines, and that fever and other petty ailments make her muscles sore and stiff. These good looks and grace are destroyed. The woman who knows this and thinks enough of her good looks to take care of her face, and who is not content with fair face years after her careless sister has become a wallflower.

Many hard sicknesses result from colds. The cold itself is one of beauty's enemies. A cold brings headaches, swollen eyes, red noses, chapped and sore lips, and the accompanying blemishes. These annoyances bring more lines to the face than most women think possible.

When the woman beautiful feels the cold coming on she resorts to the hot bath, drinks a glass of hot lemonade and goes to bed for a long sleep. Sometimes a gentle laxative is resorted to in the beginning. This may consist of cods and cods, and quick, simple action in case of the slightest derangement.

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THE HOUSE BEAUTIFUL

Up-to-Date Suggestion for Decoration and Furnishing.

Ruffled scrim curtains, with a bonne femme to match, are among the very newest of the new in the window-dressing world. These are made of soft, drapery stuffs, antique, macramé, Renaissance and other laces, that are both showy and graceful, as decorative motifs.

Austrian Art Furniture.

Austrian art furniture is attracting a great deal of attention from decorators at present and wide vogue among fashionable folk is predicted for it when it becomes more widely known.

An Expensive Bedroom Suite.

A bedroom suite of furniture was recently constructed in London for the palace of an Indian prince. It weighs over four tons and its value is about \$75,000.

Charming Effects in Mauve.

Until this season color tones of mauve were almost impossible to get in draperies of an attractive kind. The most unusual tones of this color in charming effects may now be had.

Cretonne in Favor.

Cretonne will be more popular than ever this summer for furniture coverings, cushions and for drapery. The latest ones include very dainty stripes, natural flower designs, verdure effects, Louis XV, Louis XVI and part nouveau, with grounds in moiré and tassel with cafe au lait given special prominence as being very new.

The Quaint Note.

Quaint Austrian prints, quite unlike anything before offered for summer upholstery, are on view. These come in curtains, couch covers and table covers to match.

An Elaborately-Colored Novelty.

An elaborately-colored cashmere shawl effect, the pattern accentuated by mercerized threads, is a novelty noted among the new summer drapery stuffs.

For the Mission Room.

English casement flax makes very appropriate window dressing for a mission room.

Broderie Anglaise.

Bureau and table scarfs in broderie anglaise are the latest fancy in decorative household linen.

Gorgeous Bit of Headgear.

For the dashing motorist there is the calfskin cap, quite a gorgeous bit of headgear in cheery brown and white. It has the ear flaps so desirable these bitter days. Also for motoring wear are big, loose boots of pony skin, fur trimmed and fleece lined.

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